

SFY 2007

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

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Fiscal Year in Review

Overview

The Southern Command handled 15,277 crashes throughout State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2007. There were 83 fatal, 3709 injury, and 11,485 property damage crashes. These numbers reflect a 7.9% increase in total crashes over SFY 2006. The 83 fatal crashes resulted in 94 fatalities which is a 23% decrease over SFY 2006. Of the total crashes, 805 (5.3% of the total crashes) involved impaired drivers. Of the 94 persons killed, 37%, were not restrained at the time of the crash. There were 761 total crashes involving commercial vehicles and this number reflects a 2.2% decrease as compared to SFY 2006. Additionally, there were 13 fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles, the same as in FY2006. There was a 22.4% increase in overall enforcement and a 20.1% increase in DUI arrests made prior to crash. DUI arrests resulting from crashes increased 28%. Southern Command personnel arrested a total of 3,139 drivers for DUI in SFY 2007. Commercial enforcement personnel recorded increases in several areas such as: 72.1% in other moving violations, 19.4% increase in total safety inspections, 59.9% in total vehicles placed out of service, and 29.2% in total vehicles weighed.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 15,175 crash reports in 2007. This resulted in 73,334 crash reports being mailed out, 14 % less than last year. There were 11,267 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was also a decrease of 3.6% when compared to 2006. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 321,506 CAD incidents and 405,050 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The southern command was once again challenged by serving in one of the fastest growing communities in the United States. Although there was a 7.9 increase in crashes overall, this was not unexpected in light of the population growth, the increase in tourist volume, and the continued increase in lane-miles that the southern command is responsible for. The operations section also conducted the following special operations:

- ✓ Special enforcement on new ramp systems to improve the safety and awareness
- ✓ Multi-jurisdictional traffic enforcement initiatives
- ✓ NASCAR Nextel Cup race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway
- ✓ Baker to Vegas challenge relay
- ✓ Laughlin River Run
- ✓ Las Vegas Grand Prix

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past year.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

CALENDAR YEAR	2007		2006	% Change		2005	% Change
Total crashes	15277		14152	7.9%		12327	23.9%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	11485		10608	8.3%		9000	27.6%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3709		3441	7.8%		3241	14.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	83		103	-19.4%		86	-3.5%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	805		657	22.5%		617	30.5%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	94		122	-23.0%		84	11.9%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	21		44	-52.3%		27	-22.2%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	14		13	7.7%		12	16.7%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	28		26	7.7%		16	75.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	12		21	-42.9%		9	33.3%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	18		37	-51.4%		27	-33.3%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	761		778	-2.2%		656	16.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	608		617	-1.5%		509	19.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	140		148	-5.4%		136	2.9%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	13		13	0.0%		11	18.2%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.5%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.3%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 46.1%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.0%
- ✱ Total crashes up 7.9% compared to last year and up 23.9% compared to SFY 2005.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 2.2% from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes increased 7.8% from last year.
- ✱ Average response time to crashes for Command is 11.14 minutes.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	2007	2006	% Change	2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	805	629	28.0%	617	30.5%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	2334	1943	20.1%	1780	31.1%
Other arrests	12047	11481	4.9%	10078	19.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	5303	4877	8.7%	4698	12.9%
Speed violations	46108	36514	26.3%	29064	58.6%
Hazardous moving violations	28998	24658	17.6%	22465	29.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	8871	6696	32.5%	5668	56.5%
Total violations [above violations included]	141063	115240	22.4%	101187	39.4%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	944	974	-3.1%	770	22.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	3061	1779	72.1%	1411	116.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	9794	8204	19.4%	7347	33.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	44	68	-35.3%	33	33.3%
Total safety violations -- citation	4194	2959	41.7%	2164	93.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	21983	15679	40.2%	13954	57.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	1538	962	59.9%	832	84.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	954	877	8.8%	773	23.4%
Total school buses inspected	2842	2834	0.3%	2285	24.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	415	436	-4.8%	362	14.6%
Total trucks weighed	10299	7971	29.2%	2355	337.3%
Total overweight citations	520	516	0.8%	280	85.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	9557	7953	20.2%	6419	48.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	18	52	-65.4%	12	50.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]**	2007
Level 2/3 Inspections	503
Safety Violations Citation	99
Safety Violations Repair Order	77
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	20
Dyed Fuel Inspections	6
Dyed Fuel Citations	6

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.143%
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years
- ★ 9.9% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ★ 3.8% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is up 22.4% from last year and 39.4% from 2005.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement down 3.1% from 2006.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 19.4% from last year and 33.3% from 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2007	2006	% Change	2005	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from consoles	2,641,036	1,437,990	83.7%	****	
Radio Transmissions & Receptions	13,532,893	5,426,457	149.4%	****	
CAD Incidents	321,506	305,876	5.1%	259,181	24.0%
Telephone Calls	405,050	418,546	-3.2%	735,119	-44.9%
Call Box Incidents (Las Vegas)	549	1186	-53.7%	1,630	-66.3%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	15,175	11,478	32.2%	9,891	53.4%
Arrest Reports Processed	4,590	4,599	-0.2%	5,093	-9.9%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	180	217	-17.1%	272	-33.8%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1,430	1,555	-8.0%	1,946	-26.5%
Visitors at Counter	11,267	11,692	-3.6%	9,074	24.2%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	73,344	85,791	-14.5%	79,205	-7.4%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	8,108	4,901	65.4%	4,431	83.0%
Warrants Entered	3,970	4,428	-10.3%	4,413	-10.0%
Warrants Cleared	4,085	3,392	20.4%	2,637	54.9%
Warrants Validated	20,092	17,660	13.8%	20,063	0.1%
Extradition / Transports	156	135	15.6%	172	-9.3%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	919	1,125	-18.3%	1,298	-29.2%
New Items Submitted	1,642	1,921	-14.5%	2,439	-32.7%
Items Disposed	550	368	49.5%	4,413	-87.5%

***Accurate information not available.

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CONTRACT SERVICES

Contract Services	2007	2006	%change	2005	% change
Number of Contracts	272	131	107.6%	132	106.1%
Hours	6389.95	4,096	56.0%	4,393	45.5%
Amount Billed	\$431,837	330,057	30.8%	307,114	40.6%

EVIDENCE

- Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 86.8% of case submissions.
- Parole and Probation responsible for 10.7% of case submissions.
- Division of Investigation responsible for 2.4% of case submissions.
- Fire Marshall responsible for 0.0% of case submissions.
- Capitol Police and outside state agencies responsible for .10% of case submissions.

COMMENDATIONS

- The Southern Command employees have received over 180 commendations from the public, organizations / agencies and management.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
6159	3827	455	952	647	305

Phone Activity In/out	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
13,748	142	1468	294	107